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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT JULY 9-10: BACKGROUND AND TALKING  
POINTS

THE MOOD:

1. FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS ENTERING VACATION PERIOD WITH FEELING THAT FRENCH PEOPLE ARE PLEASED THEY ELECTED GISCARD RATHER THAN MITTERRAND. GISCARD AND HIS TEAM HAVE DONE EXCELLENT JOB OF MERCHANDISING THEIR CONCEPT OF A MORE LIBERAL FRENCH SOCIETY. ON THE OTHER HAND, VERY LITTLE OF GISCARD'S SCENARIO HAS WORKED OUT AS PLANNED.
2. THE EMPHASIS ON EUROPE CONTINUES, BUT NOW THAT THE BRITISH REFERENDUM IS OVER, NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE ANY BRIGHT IDEAS ABOUT WHERE TO GO FROM HERE. EVERYONE SAYS THEY ARE WAITING FOR TINDEMANN TO COME UP WITH HIS WISE MAN'S REPORT, BUT THIS IS MORE OF AN EXCUSE THAN A REASON.
3. FRENCH RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE, AS SOME OF OUR CONTACTS ARE EXPRESSING IT SO DELICATELY, "EXTREMELY TEPID." SOVIETS ARE PETULANT ABOUT VIGOROUS ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN INSIDE FRANCE BY GISCARD'S CLOSE LIEUTENANTS AS WELL AS TALK ABOUT CLOSER FRENCH-GERMAN

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MILITARY COOPERATION. GISCARD CONTINUES TO TRY TO

APPEASE THE SOVIETS UNABASHEDLY IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, BUT SOVIETS ARE CLEARLY IN MOOD TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE.

4. IN RELATIONS WITH U.S., GISCARD HAS TAKEN PAINS TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON FRENCH INDEPENDENCE DESPITE WARMER RELATIONS WITH U.S., BUT HE CONTINUES TO BE ATTACKED FOR ATLANTICISM.

5. ON ENERGY, GISCARD TAKES PRIDE IN BEING THE ONLY VALID INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE LDC'S AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, BUT IS WONDERING IF FRANCE ISN'T REALLY BEING USED BY BOTH SIDES (READ U.S. AND ALGERIA) FOR THEIR OWN ENDS.

6. ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE FRENCH WANT TO GET RID OF WHAT THEY CALL THE CSCE CADAVER AND GET ON TO OTHER THINGS. BUT THOSE OTHER THINGS, SUCH AS MBFR AND THE FURTHER EROSION OF EUROPEAN WILL TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DEFENSE FORCES, ARE ALSO CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HERE ARE TALKING ABOUT CREEPING FINLANDIZATION, AND ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL POLICY IS TO GO TO A CSCE SUMMIT AT HELSINKI, A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE WOULD BE OVERJOYED TO SEE THE WHOLE EXERCISE COLLAPSE AT GENEVA.

7. ON THE INTERNAL SCENE, EUROPE'S RECESSION HAS NOT BOTTOMED OUT, AND THE GOF IS BECOMING EXTREMELY NERVOUS. WHILE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM SAYS THAT EUROPE'S RECOVERY CANNOT BE FAR BEHIND THE AMERICAN RECOVERY, THE FRENCH HAVE A NAGGING SUSPICION THE AMERICANS ARE MERELY EXPORTING THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT VIA AN UNDERVALUED DOLLAR.

8. IN GENERAL, THE APPEARANCE IS CONFIDENT, BUT THE MOOD IS UNEASY, BORDERING ON THE SULLEN, WITH MORE AND MORE BLAME TARGETED ON THE U.S. SCAPEGOAT AS PROBLEMS APPEAR MORE AND MORE INTRACTABLE.

9. ISSUES FRENCH ARE LIKELY TO RAISE.  
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MIDDLE EAST:  
BACKGROUND.

THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS NECESSARY. THEY CONSIDER THAT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE CAUSED THE LAST SHUTTLE TO FAIL, AND THAT THE CURRENT INSTABILITY IN LEBANON DANGEROUSLY COMPLICATES THE SITUATION. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE FOR EUROPE IN

THE REGION. THEY WILL BE INTERESTED IN ASSESSMENT OF

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NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW FRANCE  
MIGHT SUPPORT SETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

TALKING POINTS.

-- DESCRIBE THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING SITUATION.  
-- OUTLINE HOW FRANCE AND EUROPEANS MIGHT SUPPORT YOUR  
EFFORTS.

10. CSCE:

BACKGROUND.

IF DATE FOR STAGE THREE IS BUTTONED DOWN BY JULY 10,  
FRENCH WILL BE CONCERNED WITH COORDINATION OF TACTICS  
FOR HELSINKI. BECAUSE OF FEAR OF POST-CSCE LASSITUDE,  
THEY WILL PUSH FOR FRANK TALK IN FRONT OF SOVIETS AT  
HELSINKI TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING ALLIANCE WILL TO  
PRESERVE EUROPEAN INDEPENDENCE. IF STAGE TWO IS STILL  
BOGGED DOWN BY JULY 10, FRENCH WILL WANT TO DISCUSS  
WHERE TO GO FROM THERE.

TALKING POINTS.

-- PROVIDE OUR ANALYSIS AS TO HOW STAGE THREE CAN BE  
HANDLED MOST EFFECTIVELY BY ALLIES.  
-- DISCUSS TACTICS FOR AVOIDING POST-CSCE EUPHORIA.

11. ENERGY:  
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SAUVAGNARGUES WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING RESUMPTION OF THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND WILL WANT TO HEAR THE SECRETARY'S ANALYSIS OF OIL PRODUCER POSITIONS FOLLOWING OUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM. THE FRENCH ARE NOT INSISTING ON BYPASSING A SECOND PREPCON OF 10 TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE DIRECTLY AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN A GROUP OF 27. HOWEVER, THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN GIVING THE LARGER GROUP AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN LAUNCHING THE COMMISSIONS, DEFINING THEIR TASKS, AND ASSURING FOLLOW-UP--PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY HOPE THAT FRANCE CAN ASSUME AND RETAIN THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

TALKING POINTS.

-- IN RECENT EXCHANGES WITH THE FRENCH, WE HAVE AVOIDED DISCUSSING THE CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION, BUT SECRETARY MAY WISH TO EXPLORE RAMIFICATIONS OF FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP AS WELL AS ALTERNATE OPTIONS.  
-- SEEK SAUVAGNARGUES' OPINION AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THE APPARENT ALGERIAN INSISTENCE ON RAISING PRE-CONDITIONS TO THE DIALOGUE.

12. ECONOMIC COORDINATION.

FRENCH ARE INCREASINGLY PERSUADED OF NEED TO COORDINATE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICIES IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT FASTER RECOVERY FROM CURRENT RECESSION. SAUVAGNARGUES MAY RAISE THIS IN GENERAL WAY.

13. ISSUES SECRETARY MAY WISH TO RAISE:  
FRENCH SOVIET RELATIONS.

SOVIET NEWS AGENCY IS BEGINNING TO SAY NASTY THINGS ABOUT GISCARD'S CLOSE ASSOCIATES, AND FRANCO-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS APPARENTLY AT A STANDSTILL. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATE OF RELATIONS.

14. PORTUGAL:

GISCARD HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN IN TO QUAI D'ORSAY PRESSURE TO HOLD OUT HOPE OF AID TO PORTUGAL PROVIDED PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY IS ASSURED. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO ASK ABOUT STATUS OF EC-9 ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS.

15. ISRAEL AND UNITED NATIONS:  
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FRENCH ARE JUST WAKING UP TO FACT THAT ARAB RADICALS  
MAY MAKE EFFORT TO HAVE ISRAEL SUSPENDED AT NEXT UN  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO ENCOURAGE  
SAUVAGNARGUES TO HAVE FRANCE LOBBY VIGOROUSLY AGAINST  
SUCH AN INITIATIVE INSTEAD OF JUST VOTING AGAINST IT.  
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